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***Amendments to the Claims***

Claims 1-27 (Cancelled.)

28. (Currently Amended.)    ~~The~~ A method for ameliorating the symptoms of diabetes in a subject having the diabetes comprising administering to said subject a therapeutically effective amount of a protein comprising human galectin-3 of SEQ ID NO:4, wherein said protein is a protective diabetes-mediating protein that ameliorates symptoms of diabetes in said subject.

29. (Previously Presented).    The method according to claim 28, wherein said subject is a human.

Claims 30-31 (Cancelled).

32. (Previously Presented).    The method according to claim 28, wherein said diabetes is insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus.

Claims 34-39 (Cancelled).

***Remarks***

The amendment corrects a formal matter without changing the scope of the claims, and no new matter has been added.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this Amendment be entered.